

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Antietam Forge Property					
AND/OR HISTORIC: past of "Surveyor's Last Shift"					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: south of Old Forge Road at the Antietam Creek					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown vicinity					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Comments _____ _____ _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Forrest G. Sharpe					
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 5, Box 48					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House					
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 219/588					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: _____					
DATE OF SURVEY: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____					
STREET AND NUMBER: _____					
CITY OR TOWN: _____			STATE: _____		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Uncutted </div> <div>(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This house is located south of Old Forge Road on a high bluff above the Antietam Creek in Washington County, Maryland. It faces south.</p> <p>The structure is a two-and-a-half story, three-bay dwelling, presumably of stone construction. A one-and-a-half story, two-bay extension is attached to the east gable eward. The wing may be of log construction. Both sections are covered with white rough cast or stucco and composition siding. The house is constructed into a gentle slope causing the west end wall to be three stories in heights.</p> <p>Window and door openings appear to be spaced evenly in the front elevation of the main section. Windows have moderately wide wooden framing which hold nine-over-six light sashes at the main story level, six-over-six light sashes at the upper story and six-over-three pane sashes at the ground level. Small four-pane windows light the attic. The east section has few windows. They are relatively small in size with two-over-two pane Victorian period sashes held within wide frames.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the east end bay of the south or front elevation of the stone section. The jambs are finished with decorative paneling which matches the eight-panel door. Several of the door panels have, however, been replaced with glass. A narrow transom completes the entrances. A second entrance is located in the east bay of the south elevation of the wing, where a massive wooden frame holds a four-panel door. Other doors are located in the ground and upper stories of the stone section as well as in its rear elevation opposite the main entrance.</p> <p>Along the entire front elevation of the stone section is a double porch which is included under the main roof span. The porch is supported by chamfered posts with a diamond balustrade. It appears that the roof line of the front elevation of the wing has been altered to accommodate a deep overhanging porch.</p> <p>The roofs of both sections are covered with corrugated sheet metal. The roof terminates with plain barge boards set directly against the end walls. Chimneys are located inside the west gable end of the main section and inside the east gable end of the wing. The eaves are finished with plain boxing.</p> <p>The house is in fair condition and is located on a tract containing 233.87 acres. West of this house are two stone dwellings (WA-I-081 and WA-I-082) which along with this structure appear to have been workers' housing for the Antietam Forge and mill, located on the banks of the creek.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century early

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Association with the</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>Hughes family prominent in the early</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>history of Washington</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | <u>County and Maryland</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for its architecture and for its association with the Antietam Forge and mill owned and operated by the Hughes family who were prominent in the history of Washington County and of Maryland.

The house is a little altered example of the county's vernacular architecture in stone. Constructed with a double porch along the entire front elevation, the house is representative of a major architectural group in the county with most examples dating from the second quarter of the 19th century. It is also an example of a "half-Georgian" form dwelling with an end stair hall flanked on one side by rooms. Structures based on the Georgian form are a significant group in the county.

Located at the base of the steep cliffs on which this house is situated is a low level area and a fording of the Antietam now spanned by a stone arch bridge (Wa-I-104). At the fording were located the Antietam forge and a grist mill. The forge was situated on the west bank of the Creek, south of the present Old Forge Road. According to historians, it was the last of several iron making operations established by Daniel and Samuel Hughes. The Hughes brothers were prominent in Washington County's and Maryland's early history, being ardent supporters of the American Revolution who produced cannon and ammunition for the American army. Barababus Hughes, father of Daniel and Samuel Hughes, emigrated from Ireland to Pennsylvania in 1750. His family later settled on the banks of the Antietam having acquired several thousand acres of land, much of which was included in the grant, "Surveyor's Last Shift." The grist mill was located north of Old Forge Road on the east bank of the Creek, west of Clopper Road. No physical evidence of the forge or mill were observed. For further information on the Hughes family operations and the forge site, see form WA-I-054. See form WA-I-082 for land records for this property.

It is possible that this house was constructed as housing for workers at the forge or mill. Local historians say that the forge was not operating later than the very early 19th century which would suggest that this house of a possible later date might have been connected with the mill. A mill is designated on the Old Forge property in an 1859 map of Washington County.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland, Vol. II, Philadelphia:

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 233.87 acres

Acreage Justification:

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

February, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN:

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

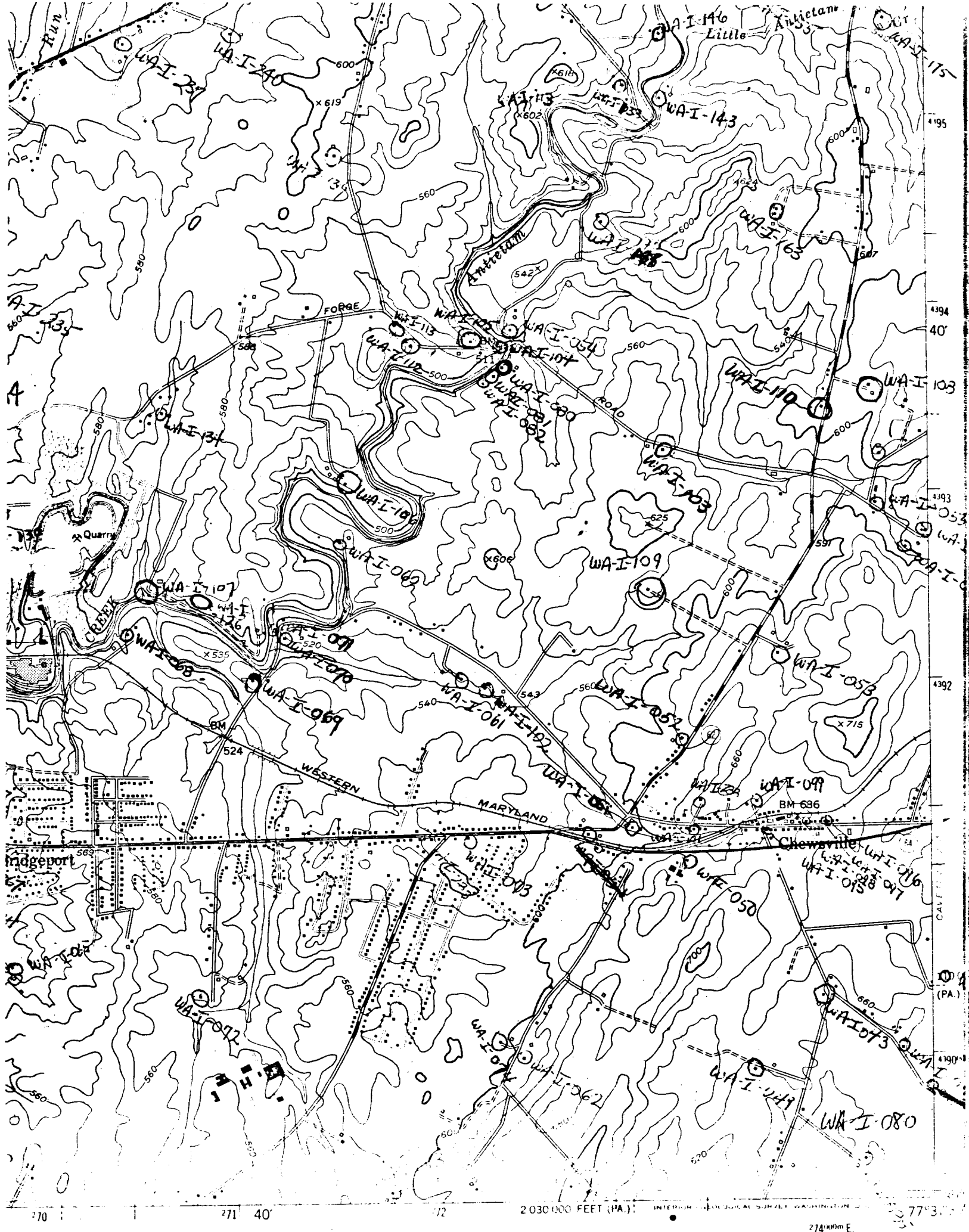
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State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty ———— Light duty
Medium duty ———— Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route

State Route

HAGERSTOWN, MD. PA.

NW 4 HAGERSTOWN TWP QUADRANGLE
N3937.5-W7737.5/7.5

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